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DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:DKUX:CF
APPROVED BY NEA:ALATHERTON,JR
P - MR ODONOHUE
NSC - MR THORNTON
NEA/P - MR SHERMAN
INR - MR MCAFEE
S/S - MR. SHANKLE

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 049460

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION ALLEGATIONS - PRESS LINE

REF: NEW DELHI 3211

1. OPPOSITION LETTER APPEARS TO BE ELECTION MANEUVER DESIGNED
TO EMBARRASS BOTH MRS. GANDHI AND USG. WE DO NOT INTEND TO
RESPOND SINCE ANYTHING WE SAY WOULD PUT U.S. IN MIDDLE OF
A HEATED INDIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

2. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO ANY PRESS QUERIES:

Q. HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE OPPOSITION LETTER

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A. THE LETTER FROM MR. PURI WAS DELIVERED TO THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI MARCH 4.

Q. DOES THE USG INTEND TO ANSWER THE LETTER?

THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LETTER IS SUCH THAT WE WOULD NOT
EXPECT IT TO BE ANSWERED.

Q. WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY ON THE ALLEGATION THAT U.S. WAS INVOLVED IN THE REPORTED INDIAN SPY CASE?

A. IN LINE WITH OUR LONGSTANDING PRACTICE ON SUCH ALLEGATIONS WE HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE.
CHRISTOPHER

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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: OPPOSITION PARTIES, ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, ALLEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 05-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
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